

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-15 and 17-25 are pending in the above-identified application. Support for new claims 23-25 is found at page 1, lines 5-8 of the present specification.

Request for Interview with Examiner

It is respectfully requested that the Patent Examiner grant an Interview with Applicant's representative in the near future in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant's representative will contact the Examiner within the next few weeks to attempt to arrange such an Interview. The purpose of such an Interview would be to help Applicant's representative clarify his understanding of the Examiner's interpretation of the scope of the prior art, as well as to determine if any additional evidence can be presented in order to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action and subsequent Advisory Action of March 25, 2009. **In any case, if the Examiner must issue an Office Action before an Interview can be arranged, it is respectfully requested that such an Office Action not be made "final" so that Applicant can have the opportunity to present additional arguments and/or evidence.**

Reasons in Support of Patentability

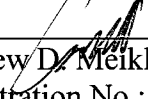
The reasons in support of patentability previously submitted with the Amendment filed March 12, 2009 are deemed repeat herein.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle, Reg. No. 32,868, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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